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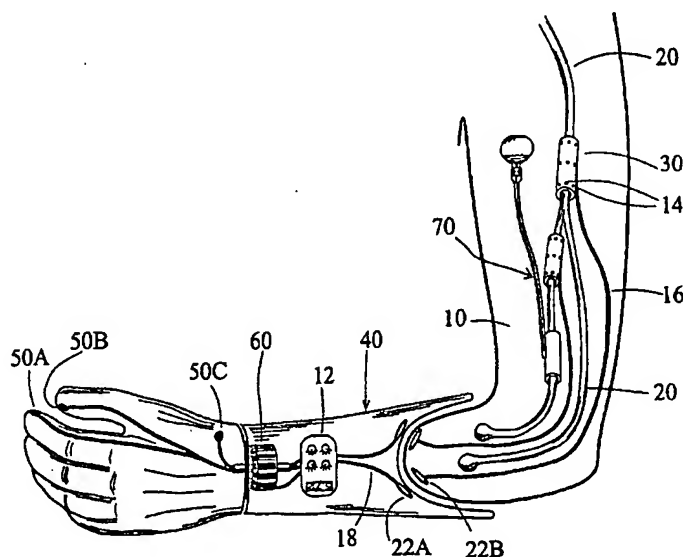
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(57) Abstract: This invention relates to a system and methods for relieving phantomlimb pain in amputees, and for providing an amputee with sensory feedback from a prosthetic limb (40). The system employs implantable multichannel, multi-chambered interface structures, namely, nerve cuffs (30). The implanted nerve cuffs have electrodes (14) which transmit electrical signals generated by a signal generator (12) to nerves (20), recruiting certain neurons to send sensory signals to the cerebral cortex, suggesting sensory sensations to the amputee. Such signals can arise directly from the signal generator, approximating the train of signals seen by the cortex in a normally innervated limb, or can originate from sensors (50a-c) in a prosthetic limb.

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Electrical stimulation system for treating phantom limb pain in an amputee having a limb stump, comprising :

- a) a plurality of electrodes implanted in said limb stump,
- b) an electrical signal generator for providing each electrode with varying signals.

2. Claims: 12-17

A system for providing sensory feedback from a prosthetic limb to an amputee having a limb stump, comprising :

- a) a prosthetic limb having a plurality of sensors for sensing states of touch, or pressure, or force, or slip, or joint position or temperature,
- b) a signal transducer for transducing the sensor signals
- c) a multi-chambered nerve cuff implanted in said limb stump,
- d) means for communicating the electrical signals to a predetermined electrode in said nerve cuff.

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